

Murray City Municipal Council Council Chambers Murray City, Utah

The Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 22nd day of November 2005 at 6:30 p.m., for a meeting held in the Murray City Council Chambers, 5025 South State Street, Murray, Utah.

Roll Call consisted of the following:

Krista Dunn,	Council Chair - Conducted
Pat Griffiths,	Council Member
Jim Brass,	Council Member
Robbie Robertson,	Council Member
Jeff Dredge,	Council Member

Others who attended:

Doug Hill,	Mayor Pro Tem
Jan Wells,	Chief of Staff
Rondi Knowlton Jeffries,	Adm. Asst. to Mayor
Frank Nakamura,	City Attorney
Shannon Huff Jacobs,	Council Director
Carol Heales,	City Recorder
Pete Fondoco,	Chief of Police
Trent & Mindy Pearson,	Police
Bob & Nancy Pearson,	Police
Lois Pearson,	Police
Erik Pearson,	Police
Steven & Marilyn Nanney,	Police
Ned & Virginia Black,	Police
David & Susan Ge	Police
Barbara & Benjamin Smith	Police
Richard & Leslie Black	Police
David Stallings Family,	Police
Sam Skaggs,	Police
Craig Burnet	Deputy Chief of Police
Lindsey Smith,	Miss Murray
Citizens	
Boy Scouts	North Troop

Ms. Dunn conducted meeting.

A. OPENING CEREMONIES

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Lt. Sam Skaggs, Police Department

Following tradition at the City Council Meetings, the Scouts introduced themselves and let the Council know what troop they are from and the merit badges they are working on.

2. Approval of Minutes

None

3. Special Recognition(s)

a. Administration of Oath of Office to five new Murray City Police Officers.

Ms. Dunn noted this is a relatively new item in council meetings that the Council really enjoys. This has been a great addition to our meetings.

Staff Presentator: Chief Fondaco

Chief Fondaco noted this is new to this forum. We used to bring the Council and the Mayor and Ms. Heales in on the afternoons and swear the officers in. This is a better setting because it makes the swearing in more formal.

Chief Fondaco stated we have five officers to swear in. Last month there were four retirements and one officer left to go to Henderson, Nevada, so we are replacing those five positions tonight. One of the new hires was our telephonic officer and now we are in the recruiting for a new telephonic officer. A few of the new officers were Tazered this afternoon to finish there testing.

David Stallings, Steven Nanney, Trent Pearson, Richard Black and Benjamin Smith all came forward to be sworn in by Ms. Heales.

All of the Officer's spouses pinned the badges on their husband's shirts and were introduced by their husbands.

Officer Benjamin Smith introduced his wife Barbara and their son Alexander.

Officer Richard Black introduced his wife Leslie and noted they have been married for three years. His mother-in-law and father-in-law were also present.

Officer Trent Pearson introduced his wife Mindy, and family, including is his grandmother Lois. For the last year or so he has been working for the Department of Corrections. He said it is good being with the Police Department, which is where he wanted to be ever since he decided to get into law enforcement.

Officer Steven Nanney introduced his wife Marilyn.

Officer David Stallings introduced his wife Angela and son's Ethan and Tyler and their daughter Halley. He has been working with law enforcement for the past three years, one year with Murray City.

Ms. Dunn noted Murray City has one of the finest police departments in the country. People here love their Police Department. People would fight to keep their police department, in fact have done so when the idea has come around over the years that they should have a Metro Salt Lake Agency.

We laugh about the old Mayberry Police show, but there is something about that, and it is community policing. Community policing is important in our community and that is why our community loves our police department.

To the new officers, we are grateful for all that you do for us and also hope that you have a wonderful experience. Welcome, thank you for joining us and thanks to all of our officers, to Chief Fondoco and Assistant Chief Burnett, we do appreciate all that you do for this community.

Ms. Griffiths added her comments. She feels a close affinity to the police department and to law enforcement. Her late husband was a judge in this community for twenty-five years and there were a lot of nights and in the middle of the night when a police officer would come to our home to get a warrant signed. She has a big respect for all officers, for the things they do to protect our citizens, every day, every night, 24/7, you are wonderful. Ms. Griffiths expressed her respect to all the police officers and extended a welcome to the new officers.

Mr. Brass, welcomed all the new officers to Murray City. We all feel the same way about the police department. Happy to have you here, it is a great department. If you see us in the parking lots, say hi, we don't bite.

Mr. Robertson noted he feels the police department is like family. Mr. Robertson had a lot to do with most of the officers during training. We are happy to have all of you here, we are proud of you, the association with you, and welcome aboard.

The other night at the police awards banquet for the Officer of the Year Award it was very eloquently stated what the police officers do for the community. He said in a very simple way, "people who wear that badge and uniform have an integrity and a demeanor and mannerism of service in helping other people." Murray has a tremendous heritage along these lines. He would simply ask you to set it in your heart and you mind and continue that heritage and to be the type of officer that have gone before you.

Mayor Snarr said he will have time to visit with all the new officers when we have a luncheon for all of the new employees. We will share some things with you and at that time you will get to recite the City poem will have to memorize this poem, before you will get your first check.

The Mayor said when he was talking to Chief Fondoco, the chief said, "Mayor, I think we've got the best of the best again." We may not get to pay them the most money in the world, but we will appreciate them more than anybody else. This is a good city, there are challenges just like any other city, we try to step up every day, we don't ignore problems we face them head on and try to address them. We appreciate every one of you officers being here with your families and value you. We are grateful you chose Murray City, a place where you can have a nice career.

b. Introduction of 2005-2006 Miss Murray, Lindsey Smith.

Mayor Snarr introduced Lindsey Smith. Lindsey is proud to be part of the last class to graduate from old Murray High School in 2003. She graduated 1st in her class and was a State Sterling Scholar finalist. She was also captain of the volleyball team as well as head captain of the Spartanian Drill Team. She is currently on the Dean's Honor Roll at the University of Utah where she is majoring in dance as well as pursuing an honor's degree.

As a senior in high school Lindsey had the distinction of being named *Utah Jr. Miss* as she competed against many of the top high school seniors from throughout the state. As *Utah's Jr. Miss* she had the opportunity visit area schools presenting *America's Jr. Miss* platform of "*Be Your Best Self*." The highlight was the opportunity to speak at Salt Lake Community College to the top freshmen in Murray as they entered high school. This past spring Lindsey was the featured guest speaker at Riverview Jr. High School's Gallery of Stars.

As an accomplished performer, Lindsey was recently selected to be part of *University of Utah's Elite Performing Dance Company*. In her spare time you might find her dancing at the Hale Center, where she recently completed a seven-week run in *42nd Street*.

You might even catch her on the gun range shooting skeet with her dad, or shopping at the mall with her mom DeDe, hanging out with her brother Braden, better known as Tag, a senior at Murray High School. You may even see her running and romping with her chocolate, labrador Chip, all of whom she loves and adores. Lindsey's roots run deep in our community. She is proud of the fact that her ancestors were one of the first families to settle in West Murray, the old Powell Farm on 7th West.

Lindsey's platform this year will focus on physical fitness awareness and explore the idea that fitness is fun. Lindsey is eager to be involved in our city in anyway she can. She welcomes the opportunity to be Miss Murray and represent the *Best City in America*.

Mayor Snarr noted Ms. Smith's dance abilities are beyond belief. He said are thrilled and delighted to have you represent our City as Miss Murray.

Ms. Smith said in the past Miss Murray's have always been singers, so they usually sing, she is not going to because she dances. She wanted to say a little on her platform and what she plans on doing this year. Physical fitness is something very important to her and it is something that should be important to everyone. We have this growing trend in America where we are becoming more and more sedentary in the way that we live our lives. It is very unfortunate that we don't get up and move.

She has been doing research at the University of Utah on what motivates people to exercise. She realized there is not very much she can do, but it is each individual person that has to decide to exercise, but she can spread awareness, talk about it, get people excited about it, which she is hoping she can do.

Ms. Smith is setting up assemblies with the elementary schools to prompt the idea that fitness is fun. A lot of times we relate exercise with running, but there are other ways, skateboarding, tag, all of these things count as physical fitness. It is important that people know that there are options and there are things that you can find that you enjoy.

Ms. Smith is also, because dance is obviously the way that she exercises, wanting to provide opportunities for people to exercise. After school hip-hop programs at the Jr. High's, or possibly at the Boys and Girls Club. It depends on how many ways she can split herself. She can only successfully split herself in half, if she could split herself in thirds she would like to provide an opportunity for all of Murray City to come out and do a walk in the spring, just another opportunity for people to exercise.

Ms. Smith is very excited for this year and excited to represent this city, she said thank you for having her here tonight.

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS (Comments are limited to 3 minutes unless otherwise approved by the Council.)

C. CONSENT AGENDA

None scheduled.

D. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

None scheduled.

E Unfinished Business

None scheduled.

F. NEW BUSINESS

None scheduled.

G. MAYOR

1. Report

- ✓ Mayor Snarr noted this report is the best report he has given since he was elected Mayor. The report is 41 to 34, 41 for the University of Utah and 34 for BYU. They played against each other in football. Mayor Snarr is a graduate of the U of U.

2. Questions of the Mayor

None

H. ADJOURNMENT

Recorded by: Carol Heales, City Recorder